

Chesaning Village Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

President Sedlar called the meeting of the Chesaning Village Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 3, 2017, in the Village of Chesaning council chambers.

Roll Call: Present- Cicalo, Hoover, Navarre, Sedlar, Vondrasek, Wenzel  
Feltman, & Powell.

Absent- Larner.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Cicalo to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Public Statement I** – Statements concerning current agenda items. None.

**Consent Agenda –**

Receive & file: Verizon Letter: Compliance Evaluation for Water Tower Site  
Approval of the Village Council meeting minutes from September 19, 2017.  
Approval of Accounts Payable \$269,686.85

Motion by Hoover, supported by Vondrasek to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried.

**Councilman Cicalo-** Councilman Cicalo read a letter he wrote addressed to his fellow Council members stating that he feels that allowing medical marihuana businesses in the Village of Chesaning is a mistake.

**New Business**

*Items for Introduction / Discussion-*

**Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of Village Property: Parcel 13-09-3-09-1008-001 located on Sharon Rd**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to open public hearing at 7:34. Motion carried.

Questions were asked about the zoning of the property and if the property would be connected to village water and sewer. It was explained that the property was being sold for residential purposes and that the purchaser would be required to tap in to village water and sewer.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to close the public hearing at 7:37. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing of Proposed Abandonment of Grandmont Court**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Vondrasek to open public hearing at 7:38. Motion carried.

It was explained that this property was being acquired by a resident for improvements to his adjoining property. An agreement was reached about use of this property by the 3 property owners that have used the land.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Cicalo to close the public hearing at 7:40. Motion carried.

**Medical Marihuana Facilities Applicant Presentations** It was explained that no public comment would be allowed during the presentations to the Council.

**Grow Facility Application:**

**624 Brady Street-** A written presentation was submitted. Representatives from Leaf Chesaning LLC discussed plan for the property including layout of rooms. They explained that they will be stacking licenses and each license is about 1500 plants. Per state law, they will be putting up a new fence that is not climbable. The property will have surveillance 24/7 with a secured entrance and secured check point in the building. The building will be clean, medically sealed and sanitized. When asked about if there will be an odor, they explained that the air filtration system is on a closed loop system and that the air is recirculated in each individual room. There will be

no signage on the building any plant or product going in or out will be through secure transport as required by the state. The company plans to hire locally, about 25 people with a pay scale starting at \$10-12 an hour with management pay at \$60,000-70,000. Employees will be trained here. Minimal waste will be created. When asked if there will be any waste created, they said it will be very minimal. The rooms will not require sterilization between each harvest but employees are required to wear sterilized uniforms. Plants will be fertilized with an organic base which breaks down quickly and there will be none in wastewater. When asked about community involvement, he stated that they were joining the Chamber, there is a very active charitable trust and plans to be involved in the community. Councilman Navarre asked about the proximity to the church next door. There are no laws or restrictions about being that close to the church.

#### **Provisioning Center Applications:**

**139 S Saginaw Street-** A written presentation was submitted. Representatives of Chesaning Provisioning LLC stated that they have operations in 4 states. They will use local contractors. They plan to hire locally, about 15 people. They discussed their establishment in the Detroit area and community involvement such as neighborhood cleanup, back pack giveaways, and food drives. They believe that their store would bring in more foot traffic to other local businesses. The pay scale for employees will start at \$12/hour with managers between \$18-20/hour. All products will be stored in a safe room. They will have a security system including cameras and security guards. All products are tested per state law.

**144 W Broad Street-** A written presentation was submitted. The ReLeaf Center LLC explained that only part of the building would be used for the provisioning center and that they would like to open a coffee shop in the rest of it with apartments upstairs. They explained that there are 4,100-5,000 cardholding patients within a 50 mile radius of Chesaning. They have a plan for community outreach, research, and education. There will be a 501c3 for village outreach. They have secured offsite private parking for employees so that parking needs near the store will be minimized. The store will have a vault room. There will be security guards while they are open for business. There will also be surveillance cameras, lights and alarms all around the building including the roof top. They will offer flower, extracts, and capsules and they have a doctor that they consult with for all products.

**135 N Front Street-** A written presentation was submitted. Dale and Sara Roth were born and raised in the Montrose/Clio area. They will be working fulltime in the store themselves. They donated the building they used in Montrose to the community. They would be hiring 6-10 employees starting at \$10/hour.

**101 N Front Street-** A written presentation was submitted. Chesaning Elite Provisioning plans to exceed state and local standards. They have found a property that meets the requirements for the Chesaning Village ordinance with ample amounts of parking. They will have surveillance cameras and security guards 24/7 and a panic button in case of intruders. All employees will be background checked and fingerprinted. They met with local church leaders to discuss their questions and concerns. They will not offer hybrid tobacco all products are only for medicinal use. They have participated in things like Toys for Tots, food and book drives. They plan to have extra handicap parking. They plan to hire 7 people immediately at \$14-15/hour and hope to hire up to 25 people in the future. The provisioning center would only be in a portion of the building and they have hopes to bring in other businesses.

**107 W Broad Street-** A written presentation was submitted. The presentation included information about the air filtration system that will be used. There will be no smell for the neighbors or on the street. They plan to minimize exposure for people's comfort by eliminating the entrance at the front of the building. There will be a security guard during business hours and multiple security check points. They will perform multiple inventory audits daily, weekly, monthly, and unannounced. Security camera footage will be available onsite for 30 days and offsite for 90 days. The secure transport will be discreet to further minimize exposure. They will be using Iron Labs, assuming they receive licensing. Employees hired here will be sent to Arizona and Colorado for training. There is a 3 interview process for job applicants. They will be looking to hire 7-15 people. They were interested in working with locals to help bring in new business and were interested in the potential with the amphitheater.

Pastor Rodriguez of the New Wine Church spoke saying that it should have been more clearly stated that the public would not have time to comment before a vote was taken. President Sedlar repeatedly attempted to stop him from speaking out of turn and he was escorted out of the meeting at 9:55.

*Items for Action-*

**Medical Marihuana Facilities Village License Decision**

**624 Brady St Grow Facility License: Discussion and Approval**

Councilman Vondrasek noted that the plans for the property were comprehensive.

Motion by Wenzel, supported by Hoover to approve a Grow Facility License for 624 Brady Street.

Roll Call Vote- Cicalo-No, Hoover-Aye, Navarre-No, Sedlar-Aye, Vondrasek-Aye, Wenzel-Aye

Larner-Absent

Motion carried.

**Provisioning Center Licenses: Discussion and Approval**

Councilman Wenzel stated that he would like more time to go through all of the information presented.

Motion by Wenzel, supported by Hoover to wait till the next meeting to make any decisions about provisioning center licenses. Navarre opposed. Motion carried.

**Former Peet Center Development Agreement Update**

Council was asked for an extension to the previous development agreement due to a partner buyout. Council stated that windows and brick and mortar work to the front left corner of the building needed to be a priority for public safety.

Motion by Larner, supported by Hoover to draft a new agreement with a 6 month timeline extension.

Motion carried.

**Pintown Lanes Outdoor Café Permit**

The permit is for an 8 by 72ft space in front of Pintown Lanes. Council asked that they mark that on the sidewalk so that it does not get pushed passed that mark.

Motion by Cicalo, supported by Hoover to approve an Outdoor Café Permit for Pintown Lanes. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Appointment**

President Sedlar spoke with and recommended Dan Brown to be appointed to the Planning Commission and Scott Bartolec as an alternate.

Motion by Vondrasek, supported by Hoover to appoint Dan Brown a position on the Planning Commission and Scott Bartolec as an alternate. Motion carried.

**Setting Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours**

Motion by Vondrasek, supported by Hoover to set Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm till 8pm . Motion carried.

**Public Statement –**

Marlene Coltik, Grand Blanc, came to commend the Council on the work they are doing in support of Medical Marihuana. Jack Barrett, Peet Rd, asked about sewer use at the Medical Marihuana facilities and stressed that we need to be aware of what gets dumped. Nancy stated that we need to educate our youth about the dangers of Marijuana use. Andy Reiber, Brady St, said that he will be keeping a close eye on the grow facility because it is in his neighborhood and that he is neither for nor against it. Walt Yeomans, Ward Rd, appreciated the words of Councilman Cicalo and is advocating for the children. He will be praying for the Council. Chuck Rolfe, Frandsche Rd, said that he didn't have much to say but that this would prove his attendance. He said he always learns new information at Village Council meetings. Mark Leagure, Sterling Heights, from the Compassion Club offered help with education and compassion for Medical Marihuana patients.

**Committee Reports**

**Infrastructure** – No meeting.

**Finance & Administration** – No meeting.

**DDA** – Meets on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting** – Meets on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Commission** – Met last week and went through the Medical Marihuana applications and the animal ordinance.

**Airport** – No meeting.

**Parks & Rec** – Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Board** – No information.

**Task Force** – The township is finishing the project of moving graves away from the river. Unpaid summer taxes are now raised by 1%. Discussed possible sewer line to McDonald's, candle walk, and needed volunteers for United Appeal. Halloween events at Showboat Park went well and tours were given of the scrapbook/quilting retreat in the old Bonnie Mill.

**Administrators Report –**

Submitted a written report. Feltman stated that the owners of the former Peet's Packing property are interested in annexing into the Village. RIP Tom Petty.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Vondrasek to adjourn the regular council meeting.

President Sedlar adjourned the regular council meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Tina Powell